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COUNTRY East Germany REPORT

SUBJECT Gadow-Rossow Air Force Training Field DATE OF REPORT 6 February 1956

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EVALUATION ANNEXES 1 sketch on ditto

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1. Neither air activity nor bombing was observed over Gadow-Rossow air force training field from 1 to 10, 21 to 28 November and from 1 to 8 December 1955. The weather was mostly hazy with low ceiling, poor visibility and intermittent rain. The following detailed observations were made:

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26 and 28 November. One sentry wearing black-bordered blue epaulets was posted at the eastern exit of the village of Gadow. On 26 November, it was learned from talks that EM wearing black-bordered blue epaulets erected high wooden frames on Welleberge (Mountains). 29 and 30 November. Beginning at 1900 and 1400 respectively, individual aircraft presumably IL-28s were heard approaching and bombing over Jagen (forest sub-district). The approach flights were made at intervals of 15 to 20 minutes throughout several hours, at altitudes between 3,000 and 4,000 meters. The weather was foggy and rainy.

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When entering the bomb range in Jagen 70 it was observed that the target circle, about 50 meters in diameter, consisted of a 30-cm high wall, with a pole about 5 meters high in the middle of the wall. A cable with small sockets in which small bulbs about 20 cm apart were fitted was wound around the rod from the top to the bottom where the cable terminated in a dug-in metal box with lid. The box contained a battery presumably of 24 volts. 1

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2. The following periscopes were observed on the bomb range:

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2 periscopes located side-by-side and close to one another at the eastern end of Jagen 53 of Neuendorf state forest.
 2 periscopes located side-by-side and close to one another at the western end of Jagen 54 of Neuendorf state forest.
 8 periscopes about 3 meters apart and arranged in a line almost in the middle of Jagen 61 and 62 of Neuendorf state forest.
 It could not be determined if additional periscopes were available in the area. 2

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Throughout the day on 30 November 1955, bombing was practiced from MiG-15s at irregular intervals. The aircraft mostly flew individually at a high altitude and usually could not be recognized through a layer of haze. Each plane dropped one small bomb 70 cm long and 50 cm in circumference. 3

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3. At 0800 on 21 November 1955, it was determined that Major Boshko (fnu) had transferred to an unknown place. The new accountant at Roseneck estate was Captain Kornov (fnu) who wore black-bordered blue epaulets. A sizeable number of carrier-pigeon lofts were still observed in the farm yard. No changes were observed and no radio installations were available. 4

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1. Comment. There was only little training activity over Cadow-Rossow bomb range due to unfavorable weather. According to a previous report, the mast in the target circle mounted a red metal flag.

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2. Comment. For location of periscopes, see Annex.

3. Comment.

The appearance and diameter of the bomb agrees with those of illuminating flares of type SAB-15. While the SAB-15 has a length of 102.8 cm, the reported bomb had a length of 70 cm, due to the fact that the front section presumably in a glowing state was considerably pressed together during the impact.

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It is believed improbable that the small bombs, dropped from MiG-15s, were model SAB-15 illuminating bombs with mechanical time fuze.

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4. Comment. Captain Kornov is reported for the first time.

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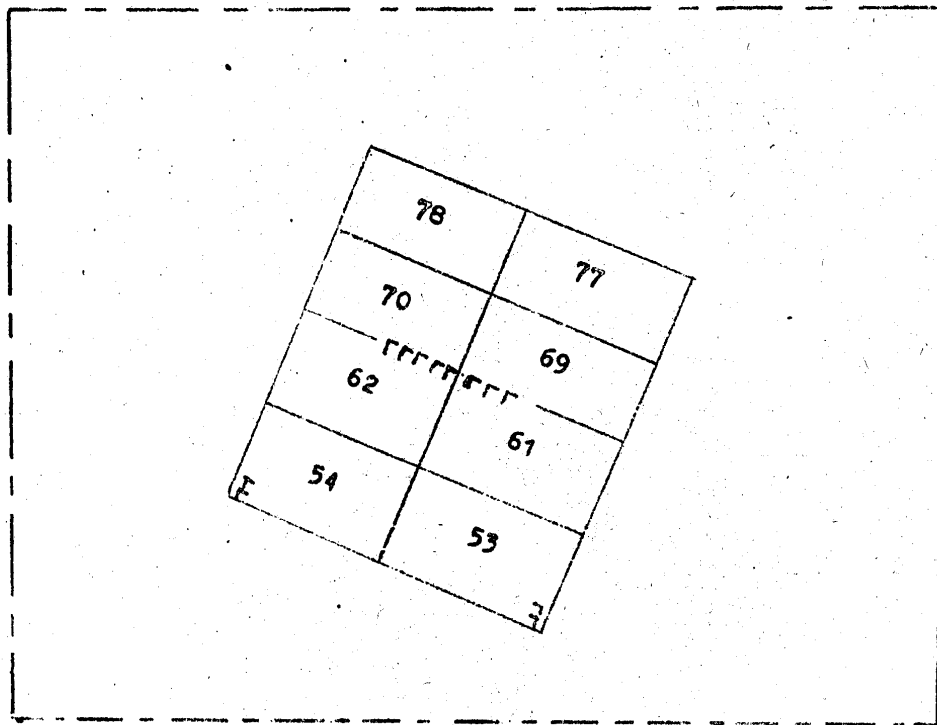
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Location of Periscopes at Gadow - Rosow Bomb Range



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